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#### Department of Real Estate Partners with Coconino County for Northern Arizona Services

PHOENIX —On October 10, 2007, the Arizona Department of Real Estate (ADRE) begins a six-month pilot program to better serve citizens of Northern Arizona. "We are very excited to team with Coconino County and bring our services to real estate consumers and industry practitioners in person and closer to their homes," ADRE Commissioner Sam Wercinski commented. ADRE staff will take complaints from consumers and concerned industry professionals, process licensing applications, and answer questions regarding Real Estate Laws and requirements in Arizona. Monthly on-site services begin at 10:00am to 4:00pm, Wednesday, October 10, 2007, at the Coconino County Administration Building located at 219 E. Cherry St., Flagstaff. The Department will continue monthly visit on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

Commissioner Sam Wercinski has promoted a series of initiatives that include community outreach and education to Arizona communities, Triple Cs (Commissioner's Community Conversations) as well as forming workgroups to address vital issues regarding real estate practices and consumer protection. This pilot program is another example of the Commissioner's focus on protecting the public and enhancing Arizona's legitimate and professional real estate industry.

Commissioner Wercinski stated, "We are working with community and industry leaders to expand education and provide enforcement where needed in the pursuit of consumer protection." It is anticipated that the pilot program will be well-received by Arizona licensees and consumers and will become an established outreach program for ADRE.